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7 BEIJING HUANQIU ZHONGLIAN  
INVESTMENT CONSULTING CO., LTD.,  
8 Plaintiff,  
9 v.  
10 BAR WORKS CAPITAL, LLC, et al.,  
11 Defendants.

Case No. 20-cv-01903-JD

**ORDER RE REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

Re: Dkt. No. 50

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13 Plaintiff Beijing Huanqiu Zhonglian Investment Consulting Co., Ltd., a Chinese  
14 investment company, sued defendants Bar Works Capital, LLC, Bar Works Management Inc., and  
15 Renwick Haddow, for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment under California state law.  
16 Dkt. No. 1. Plaintiff alleged that Haddow operated a Ponzi scheme based on the Bar Works  
17 entities, which he portrayed to investors as profitable work-space real estate ventures. *Id.* ¶ 12.  
18 Haddow is currently incarcerated in the New York Metropolitan Correctional Center and awaits  
19 sentencing on a federal securities fraud conviction.

20 A magistrate judge filed a report and recommendation of entry a default judgment against  
21 Haddow in the amount of \$5,778,706.85. Dkt. No. 50 at 8. Plaintiff sent the motion for default  
22 judgment to Haddow's attorney by email and certified mail on October 10, 2021. Dkt. No. 39 at  
23 9. Haddow did not file an opposition or appear at the hearing held on November 18, 2021, or  
24 otherwise respond to the motion. He also did not file a response or objection to the report and  
25 recommendation.

26 The Court has some concern about the amount of the default judgment, particularly in light  
27 of Haddow's incarceration. Even so, the report by the magistrate establishes that Haddow and his  
28 attorney were given adequate notice of the default proceedings, and other events in the case.

1 Consequently, the recommendation is adopted, and a default judgment in favor of plaintiff will be  
2 entered in the amount of \$5,778,706.85, which includes \$4.2 million in damages and 10% in  
3 prejudgment interest pursuant to California Civil Code § 3287. If circumstances warrant, Haddow  
4 may ask to re-open the judgment as permitted by applicable law.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: January 3, 2022

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9 JAMES DONATO  
10 United States District Judge  
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